

Reporting and Testing of Sick and Dead Birds by California State Agencies



Public hotline: 866-922-2473

Online reporting (year-round):

[CDFA Avian Influenza Updates webpage](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Avian_Influenza.html)

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Seeking reports on: (sick or dead)

- Poultry (commercial and residential)
- Domesticated waterfowl (geese, ducks, swans)
- Doves, quail, pigeons
- Pet birds (for a fee)
- Backyard chicken owners may submit their dead chicken (\$25 fee)

Tests for:

- Avian Influenza (as indicated)
- Newcastle disease

Public reporting number: 916-358-2790

Online reporting (year-round):

[CDFW Mortality Reporting webpage](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health/Monitoring/Mortality-Report)

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Seeking reports on: (sick or dead)

- Wild birds (free-ranging)
- Increased mortality (5 or more) wild birds
- Endangered, threatened, or protected wild bird species

Tests/examines for:

- Postmortem examination
- Testing may include:
 - Infectious diseases
 - Other pathogens
 - Pesticide exposure
 - West Nile virus
 - Avian Influenza

Public reporting number: 877-WNV-BIRD; 877-968-2473
(mid-April to mid-October)

Online reporting (year-round):

[CDPH West Nile Virus website](https://westnile.ca.gov/)

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Seeking reports on: (dead only)

- Corvids, other songbirds, and raptors
- Other such as shorebirds, woodpeckers, hummingbirds (tested in some areas)

Tests for:

- West Nile virus